

What is claimed is:

1. An all in one capture station for creating identification documents comprising:
 - a camera stand;
 - 5 a camera mounted within the camera stand;
 - a computer integrated into the camera stand; the computer including a processor, network interface device, and memory, the memory storing a camera control program and a network interface program for transferring camera control commands and image data between the capture station and a remote workstation such that the capture station operates under the control of the remote workstation to capture data for incorporation into an identification document.
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2. The station of claim 1 including a lighting device that operates under control of the camera control program in the memory of the computer.
- 15 3. The station of claim 1 including a signature capture interface device and signature capture control program in the memory for controlling a signature capture device that captures handwritten signatures.
- 20 4. The station of claim 1 including a fingerprint capture interface device and signature capture control program in the memory for controlling a signature capture device that captures handwritten signatures.
- 25 5. The station of claim 1 wherein the computer operates in standby mode such that the computer is controllable from the remote workstation without requiring an operator to log on to the computer in the station.
6. The station of claim 1 wherein the camera control program is implemented as a web server and is controllable via a web page executing on a remote, client workstation.

7. The station of claim 1 wherein the computer and camera in the station are shared by two or more workstations that control the station remotely through a network connection established with the network interface program.

5 8. The station of claim 1 wherein the station includes a video device interface for a video display and an input device interface for enabling an operator to enter alphanumeric input, and the station has at least two modes of operation: a remote control mode in which data capture for identification document creation is controlled from the remote workstation, and stand alone mode control mode in which data capture for identification document creation is controlled from the remote workstation.

10 9. A method for creating an identification document comprising:
15 in a first computer workstation, presenting a user interface that enables an operator to enter applicant data and control capture of image information for incorporation into an identification document;

20 in an all in one capture station having a camera stand, a camera mounted within the camera stand, and a computer integrated into the camera stand; the computer including a processor, network interface device, and memory, executing a camera control program that controls the camera and a network interface program for receiving camera commands through the network interface device;

25 setting up a network connection between the first computer workstation and the computer in the all in one capture station;

 in response to an operator command to capture an applicant portrait entered in the user interface, sending a camera control command to the camera control program in the all in one capture station through the network connection;

30 receiving a captured image in the first computer workstation in response to the camera control command; and

 using the captured image along with other information obtained at the first computer workstation to create an electronic image for printing on an identification document.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the all in one capture station controls one or more additional biometric capture devices that are controllable via network connections from one or more other computer workstations to capture biometric information used in an identification document enrollment process.

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11. The method of claim 10 wherein the one or more additional biometric capture devices include a signature capture device.

10 12. The method of claim 10 wherein the one or more additional biometric capture devices include a fingerprint capture device.

13. An all in one capture station for creating identification documents comprising: a camera stand, the camera stand having a base and a slidably attached tower ; a camera mounted within the tower;

15 a computer integrated into the base of the camera stand; the computer including a processor, network interface device, and memory, the memory storing a camera control program and a network interface program for transferring camera control commands and image data between the capture station and a remote workstation such that the capture station operates under the control of the remote workstation to capture data for
20 incorporation into an identification document.